

**ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH****19TH FEBRUARY 2023**

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Parish Administrator: Fr. Patrick Udotai**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr. Gerard Balinnya**Parish Office:** Tuesday-Friday 9 am -5 pm**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Sandra Anima Tsiboe**Tel:** 020 8647 5079 **E-mail:** wallington@rcaos.org.uk**Website:** www.stelpheges.co.uk**The Federation of St Elphege's & Regina Caeli Catholic Schools:****Executive Head of Schools:** Mrs Frances Hawkes**Head of St Elphege's School:** Mr Martin Jones **Tel:** 020 8669 6306**Head of Regina Coeli's School:** Mrs Tessa Christoforou **Tel:** 020 8688 4582**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

SUN 19	6.00 pm	Sushma BENJEEV (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	Vigil Mass	
<i>7th SUNDAY (A)</i>	09.00 am	Ibiala BEN-EJETEH (Private Intentions)
<i>2nd Collection Next Week Clergy Support Fund</i>	10.30 am	Mrs Valerie OSUNDE (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	12.00 noon	People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 20	8:30 am	Grace O'SHEA (Private Intentions)
<i>Feria</i>	10:00 am	Ibiala BEN- EJETEH (Private Intentions)
Tue 21	8:30 am	
<i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Kay Tetteh (Good Estate)
Wed 22	8.30 am	Pathmini Soosai (God's guidance & protection)
<i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	10 am	Ann O'BRIEN
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Adrian RADFORD (God's strength & protection)
Thu 23	10 am	Thanksgiving Mass for all Parishioners
<i>Feria</i>		
Fri 24	10.00 am	Mark CHARLES & Family (Good Estate & God's protection)
<i>Feria</i>	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 25	10 am	Josie(Good Estate)
<i>Feria</i>	1030 am- 1130am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030am-11.15 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6 pm	Edmund Duah (Birthday Thanksgiving)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY**

1. Those who died recently: **Christopher Williamson** who will be buried on **Thursday 23rd February 2023 @ 12.30 pm** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace.
2. The sick, the isolated, and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community:

Jackie Van Elswick, Rosemary Day, David Uzor, John Strentz, Anne Jagelman, Susie King, Doreen Charlish, Kosenat Tetteh, Mary Scott, Margaret O'Flaherty, Luke DuCasse, B.Novicki, Brenda Kavanagh, Monir Jacob, Alex Coffey, Eddie Hamilton, Frank Kinsella, Theresa Mittcosbe, Maggie Delaney, Cynthia Lobendhan, Terry Harper, Gemma Gilligan, Diana Camilleri, Mendonca,

JANUARY 2023 COLLECTION

Loose Cash: £3,931.27

Repository: £165.91

GIFT AID: £1,087.10**STANDING ORDER: £3132.10****TOTAL: £ 8,150.47**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK "As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of prayer, penance and alms-giving, let us pray for those who need special Heavenly protection, like the unemployed, the aged and infirm, widows and orphans, and mothers expecting babies **AMEN**

PARISH NOTICES

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Thanks to the Social Team for their spectacular organisation, the St. Elphege's School Choir who sang amazingly at Mass and to everyone who joined in the celebration of Fr Gérard's 60th birthday. Fr Gérard deeply appreciates the messages, gifts, food, drinks, and prayers offered. May the Lord richly bless you all.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This is to notify all parishioners that there will be **3 Masses on Ash Wednesday 22nd February 2023, 8.30 am, 10 am & 7.30 pm.** There will be an **8.30 am** Mass Monday- Friday throughout Lent.

CHILDREN ROSARY

The next Children's Rosary will be on Saturday 4th March, at 10.35 am. Please encourage your children to attend.

CURRY & CAKE SALES!!

The Young Adults would like to invite all parishioners to their **last** sales on the **26th of February 2023** venue Maurice Reaney Hall. The cake sale is after 10.30 am Mass and Vegetable Rice & Chickpea Curry Sale (£3 per pack, 2 for £5) is after 12 pm Mass. Please come and support them!

FOOD LARDER

This is open every LAST Sunday of each month from **11.45 am – 12.45 pm.** We are pleading with parishioners to donate to this good cause. Please pop in and grab some food for the Family in you are in need! Thank you

FLAME 2023 RAFFLE DRAW!

2nd Winner: Emma

Please pop into the office for your gift

The last raffle draw is Sunday 19th February 2023 after the 12 pm Mass at the Maurice Reaney Hall

REGISTRATION FOR FLAME 2023 IS NOW OPEN!!

Please visit the parish website(stelpheges.co.uk) and register - the link can be found under Notices(<https://stelpheges.co.uk/notices/>)

This is open to Young Adults, ages 12 and onwards

Young Adults: £10

Adults: £45

Ticket payments can be made via the parish office or bank transfer - parish Social Account RCAOS St Elphege Social Club sort code 60-22-20 A/C No. 25072528 Ref: Flame (Name)

Among the musicians are MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike – Adenike was a 17-year-old at a previous Flame, and since then has been a Finalist on The Voice.

*Other speakers during the day include **Robert Billot**, an American lawyer who is the main character in the film Dark Waters; **Jenny Garzón Saavedra** a young advocate joining us from the Amazon rainforest; we will hear an original reflection from **David Wells**; and **Brenden Thompson and Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices** will be introducing Adoration, led by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols***

Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2022, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous today with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

- Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>
- QR Code (see right)
- Telephone Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes placed on the pews or you can grab an envelope at the entry and exit foyer of the church.



Archdiocese of Southwark Lent Retreat, 2023: "Renewed in Hope"

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lent Retreat "Renewed in Hope". Every week you will receive an email with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat programme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up here <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv> set aside what space you can for reflection and join us in being Renewed in Hope!

EVANGELISATION

What do we teach our children about our faith and how do we teach it if we don't think we have the knowledge or we fear we would get it wrong? We plan to have a series of talks every Sunday during Lent, to help people know their faith and the church's teachings. We would like all Parents, Grandparents, and young people to come and listen and ask questions, to make them more confident in their faith. If you have any questions or subjects you would like covered, then please email the Parish Office with the title Lenten Talks, or put them in the questions box at the back of the Church.

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

One of the last requests of the Lord to His apostles, Peter, James and John before His betrayal and crucifixion was: "Can you not stay with me for just an hour?" (Matthew 26: 40). The Lord still needs us today in Eucharistic Adoration. Have you got one hour in a week to spare? The Lord needs it. We are creating an opportunity for us to respond to this invitation. With the help of members of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, we shall soon begin to adore the Lord weekly on a day to be decided from after morning Mass till 7.00 pm. We need you to come in your chosen hour to be with the Lord. This is a fast-spreading apostolate in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

BAPTISM

Application Forms are now available online - this can be found under the Sacrament. Please read the Baptism guide before completing the form. Thank you

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

MARRIAGE WEEK

This annual event takes place from February 7-14. If you are fortunate enough to be in a marriage you should look after it – and there are several ways of doing just that: visit <https://marriage-week.org.uk/>

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

How to get the marriage you want out of the marriage you have. This Saturday morning online course on February 18 is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no personal sharing between couples. For details email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

Marriage Encounter England and Wales.

The marriage enrichment courses offer a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them.

Our experience helped us to understand each other more and reminded us that we had made a sacramental marriage in front of our families and God. The Marriage Encounter course also helped us with our relationships with our children. For us, our experience was a gift from God. Our upcoming Experience will be held in Hendon on the 11th & 12th of February 2023 at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY.

For further information and to book an experience <https://wwme.org.uk>.

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CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS MARCH 2023

“Byways of Westminster” – come and discover the hidden gems of one of the world’s great cities! We will discover 17th-century charity schools, 19th-century Cardinals, and a Medieval mill! The Walk will finish in the Victoria Tower Gardens, alongside Parliament. This History Walk is being repeated FOUR times so as to offer different opportunities for people to attend

Thursday, March 2nd 2023 Meet at 6 pm (after 5.30 pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral

Saturday, March 4th Meet 3 pm steps of Westminster Cathedral

Thursday, March 9th Meet at 3 pm, steps of Westminster cathedral

Friday, March 17th Meet at 6 pm (after 5.30 pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral

NO NEED TO BOOK: just turn up! We suggest a donation of £5 per person

www.catholichistorywalks.org

Sutton Deanery Annual Day of Reflection

Saturday 4th March

at Holy Family Church

Sorrento Road, Sutton Green SM1 1Q

**Canon Gerard Bradley will speak about his new role as Episcopal Vicar
for The South West Area of Southwark Diocese,**

**We will also learn the latest news on the formation of the
“Southwark CARITAS” organisation and about the
Archbishop’s initiative, ‘Some Definite Service’
Start with Mass at 10.30 am, finish at 1.30 pm
all parishioners are welcome**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 3 March 2023

The World Day of Prayer is held annually. It is a women led ecumenical movement dedicated to informed prayer and prayerful action. Each year a different country is asked to prepare the service. This year the women of Taiwan help us to pray. Although the service is organised by women, everyone is invited to attend. You will be very welcome at our local services:

Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Wallington 1.30pm on Friday 3rd March

Carshalton Methodist Church, Ruskin Road, Carshalton 7.30pm on Friday 3 March

For more information visit www.wwdp.org.uk